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1. The 21st Tank Brigade, which has the cover name "Xantipa" and is located in Zatec, is composed of five tank battalions equipped with Russian T-34 and British Cromwell tanks. Part of this brigade is to be transferred to Moravia in the spring of 1951.
2. The school at Rozvadov near Tachov has been evacuated and occupied by an unidentified military unit. Units formerly stationed at Marianske Lazne and Kynzavart have been transferred to the vicinity of Tachov. The vacated quarters in Marianske Lazne have since been occupied by an unidentified light artillery unit and an unidentified tank unit, and the garrison in Kynzavart has also been reoccupied.
3. Troops are to be quartered in the school and villa in Zinkovy (N50/L11). These buildings have served as a recreation center for the URO (Czech Trade Union).
4. The troops which were formerly stationed on the Cerchov Mountain situated on the Czech-German border have been transferred to Trhanov (N50/P70). It is rumored in that area that a skirmish with United States troops caused this transfer.
5. Antitank obstacles are being constructed on the highway from Vyhledy\* leading to the border. About 30 obstacles have been completed by military personnel, but none has been built on the roads in the woods. Ferroconcrete obstacles are also being constructed at Nemanice.
6. A colonel of the Soviet army has been assigned to the garrison at Pisek. Although he has been there for two months, he has not yet intruded himself upon the normal activities of the Czech officers and he appears to be inactive. He is quartered in a villa which belonged to President Hacha during the German occupation. Reliable officers and men of the Pisek garrison are selected for assignment to the border areas.
7. Employees of the Prague-Smichov railroad station were informed at a secret Communist Party meeting that the railroads and the mail are to be placed under military control. Acts of sabotage against the railroads and the mail will thereafter be handled by military courts.

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8. The Ministry of Interior has sent the County National Committees a top-secret order that all air-raid shelters are to be reestablished in order to be available when needed.
9. Reservist active duty notifications have been completed by the District Recruitment Commands and are ready for mailing except for the actual date and hour for reporting to duty.
10. An SNB training center for new members is located at Kralovice (N50/I16). Convinced and indoctrinated Communist Party members are to replace the instructors now at this training center.

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- \* [REDACTED] Comment: Vyhledy is believed to be in the vicinity of Klenci (N50/P60), west of Domazlice.

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